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Free Tow In Pierce County for Intoxicated Drivers During the Holiday Season

Several area tows have agreed to provide a free tow to drivers who are unable to drive due to intoxication during this holiday season. The program, called "Holiday Tow & Go", runs from December 14th through January 2nd in Pierce County.

Here is how the program works: If a bartender feels a customer is unable to drive, they simply call one of the tow companies listed below. They will send a tow truck to the bar, giving the impaired driver and their vehicle a ride home. The free tow will only be given if the intoxicated person is at a bar. The tow drivers will not transport intoxicated people from a house party.

The program was started by local tow companies about twelve years ago, to save lives during the holiday season. One of the coordinators of the program, Bill Sullivan with Liberty Towing, stated "You never know how many lives you have saved, but even if we have just saved one, we have accomplished our goal." If you have any questions about the program you can call Bill at (253) 732-2181.

Just as a reminder; this program was not intended to encourage people to drink to intoxication, but rather to give those who have exceeded the limit a ride home. If you are a sober person at a bar and notice a person is intoxicated and about to drive, let the bartender know and they will call one of the tow companies listed below.

We encourage your partnership with the tow companies and the Washington State Patrol to save a life this season. If you observe what you believe is an intoxicated driver on the roadway, do not hesitate to call 911. Have the location and plate number ready for the 911 operator and they will advise all the troopers in the area.

The Washington State Patrol would like to thank Bill and all the participating tow companies for their compassion and support in saving lives this holiday season.

Participating Pierce County Tow Companies

Puyallup

Engel's Towing (253)841-3841
Puyallup Towing (253)245-0034
B-Line Towing (253)846-8095
J&J Towing (253)847-7275
Gene's Towing (253)588-1757

Tacoma

Gene's Towing (253)588-1757
Bill's Towing (253)272-9393
Burn's Towing (253)472-4496

Spanaway

Emerald Towing (253)846-1164

University Place

Liberty Towing (253-565-1300

Gig Harbor

Bayview Towing (253)858-6229

Fife

Fife Towing (253)922-8784

Lakewood

Western Towing (253)589-5389
Gene's Towing (253)588-1757
Tacoma Towing (253)582-6300
Lakewood Towing (253)582-5080

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